

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21681

In 2012, the Idaho Legislature amended the law requiring the Tax Commission to send certain notices to taxpayers by certified mail. However, a sunset provision in that law (H.B. 362) limited the change to one year, from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. This bill removes the sunset provisions and makes the change permanent.

Using certified mail costs the state about \$400,000 to send approximately 125,000 notices. Around 35% of all certified mail is returned as unclaimed. Changing the certified mail requirement to first class mail will result in more taxpayers actually receiving the notices. Changing to first class mail is much more cost effective.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will reduce the mailing costs for the Tax Commission by \$200,000.

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